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## Invite It to Wheeling.

The Intelligencer's suggestion that the next annual meeting of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association should be held in Wheeling meets with general favor. Wheeling is entitled to the convention of next year. No city between Pittsburgh and the south is more vitally interested in the great work, for the promotion of which the improvement association was created.

Wheeling can afford to put forward every endeavor to secure the convention of 1898. The advantage it will be in familiarizing the public with the work in hand and its importance to this city will be ample compensation for the outlay, which will be slight, considering that the guests of the occasion would be commercial and river men who would hardly expect to accept free entertainment or passage to Wheeling.

The convention, or association, is composed of the representatives of the commercial bodies and river interests throughout the Ohio Valley from the head of navigation to the Mississippi, and the meeting, coming, as it would, previous to the second session of the present Congress, which is expected to provide further for the work already inaugurated looking to the improvements on the Ohio for navigation the year round, would be one of the most important gatherings of the association yet held. All the leading cities in the valley have already had their turn with the convention. Why should Wheeling not have the pleasure and profit of entertaining it next year?

The chamber of commerce will doubtless take action at its meeting next week and authorize the delegates it will select to the Evansville convention to invite the body to come to this city for its meeting of 1898. The sentiment is favorable to the proposition and the matter should be urged.

## William L. Wilson.

The inauguration of ex-Postmaster General William L. Wilson as president of the Washington and Lee University, which occurred Wednesday at Lexington, Va., takes from West Virginia one of her most distinguished citizens, and from political life a distinguished leader. During his political career Mr. Wilson alienated a large number of his political associates of his own party, and in this respect was peculiarly unfortunate on two occasions. Mr. Wilson, all admit, is a courageous man, however we may disagree with him in his economic theories, and to this courage was due the fact that twice, immediately preceding his retirement from political life to devote himself to educational work, for which he is better fitted, he lost the support of leading men of the party which had previously delighted to honor him.

First, in 1894, his connection with the tariff legislation which proved so disastrous to the country, and his own well-known extreme free trade views, lost him the political friendship of a very large number of Democrats, who were interested in the industries of West Virginia, and resulted in his overwhelming defeat for re-election to Congress. Even after defeat, however, he retained the respect and even the love of the masses of his party in the state and the country, because the great majority believed faithfully in his tariff policy, notwithstanding its failure to accomplish the things promised for it. To his own credit be it said that he went down with his colors flying, applauded by his admirers for his loyalty to his cause.

On the second occasion, in 1896, the personal and political courage of Mr. Wilson received a much more severe test. After the capture of the party organization by the new school of financial theorists, and the complete surrender of the great mass of the party, including the organization in the state which had heaped honors on him, he had the courage to repudiate that abject betrayal of the time-honored principles of Democracy, and in the face of an overwhelming opposition in the party of which he had been a leader, stood with the band of faithful ones who loved their country's honor and the credit of the nation above "party regularity," as construed by those who smothered conscience and accepted the heresies forced upon a once powerful organization.

Then it was that the batteries of the wrath of thousands who had followed him in other campaigns were turned upon him, and he was held up as a "traitor to and a betrayer of Democracy." But he never swerved from his course for the purpose of restraining his antagonism with his former followers. He felt that he, and those Democrats who stood with the Republican party for honest money, were the ones who were maintaining the principles of the fathers of the country and the founders of the Democratic party, and they were willing

to abide by the consequences of their decision to fight the strange heresy which had taken possession of the party organization, and was leading it after false gods. They were willing to trust to time for their vindication.

It is unnecessary to review what followed. Mr. Wilson is no longer a leader of the West Virginia Democracy as it now is. This man who had been worshipped as a wise statesman by his party is no longer a recognized prophet of the majority, and all because he stood by original Democratic principles and his country's honor and credit.

It is not probable that Mr. Wilson will ever again enter politics. His tastes are not the tastes of a politician. At the head of a famous and historic university he is in a position more to his liking, and the good wishes of West Virginians will follow him. Those of us who did not agree with him politically could not help recognizing in him a man of honest convictions, a scholar and a gentleman, a product of West Virginia soil who, though we did not believe that he always represented correctly the wishes and interests of his constituency, was admittedly sincere in what he did, and intellectually an honor to the state. To his new field of work in the mother state he bears with him the highest personal regards of his fellow citizens of this state.

## The Indiana Lynching.

The lynching of five thieves in Indiana is a disgrace to that state. It is true that the victims of the mob had been committing some depredations, or there was reason to suppose that they were members of a band of burglars and highway robbers, but they were in the hands of the law. Their crime was not one which is punishable by death in any civilized country. The presumption was that the law would deal out justice to them, as the evidence against them was conclusive. Yet a mob of the "best citizens," attacks the jail, and, after inflicting fatal wounds upon three of the men, all five are dragged to a tree and hanged, the three wounded men being dead before the tree was reached.

All this occurs in an enlightened community in Indiana, the citizens of the town endorsing the action of the mob. There is a saving credit to the good name of the great state that its governor has directed that all the power of the civil authorities be commanded to bring to justice the "good citizens" who perpetrated this act of lawlessness, in defiance of the laws of the state and the country, which guarantee that every man accused of a crime shall have a fair trial, and which provide a means for the punishment of criminals.

In view of the nature of the offense the prisoners are charged with (the attempted robbery of a store), the members of the mob of citizens who participated in the hanging were each and every one guilty of murder. One can understand how citizens, infuriated by a crime of a fiendish nature, can have some excuse for visiting quick and fatal punishment upon the perpetrators of the deed, but this Indiana mob had no such incentive.

No lynching ever occurred in this country with less excuse, or which has cast greater disgrace upon the community in which it occurred, than this murder of men who were charged with no more serious offense than an attempted robbery.

When mob law amends the criminal code and makes burglary a capital offense, for which accused men are to be hanged without a trial, it is time to call a halt. When such disregard for law and order is shown by the members of a community in one of the most enlightened states in the Union, it is indeed time for the chief executive officer of the commonwealth to move for a wholesale prosecution of the responsible parties in vindication of good order and the majesty of the law.

## The Tin Plate Mills.

With the prospect of still another tin plate mill in this community, as noted in yesterday's Intelligencer, that industry seems to be in a healthy condition hereabouts. The tin industry, by the way, is one of the most prosperous in the country, and when we consider this fact, it is recalled how only a few years ago our free trade friends sneered at the idea of making tin plate in this country.

A certain newspaper in this community was among the skeptics, and held out to the last that the thing was impossible. It used to be in the habit of sneeringly referring to McKinley, the father of the industry in this country, as the "little tin god." Now it is obliged to make its daily appearance in sight of the smoke stacks of tin plate mills which are giving employment to many wage-workers, and are striking evidences of how false a prophet is the free trader. And there are more mills to come here, one in process of erection and another in contemplation. When we speak of this community we refer, of course, to the great manufacturing community in the city and its immediate vicinity.

The speech delivered by Hon. John W. Mason at the reunion of Maulsby's battery, held at Fairmont, appears in today's Intelligencer. It will be read with great interest, not only by veterans, but by the public generally. Mr. Mason departs from the stereotyped lines of reunion speeches and discusses some of the vital economic and social questions of the hour, and sounds some timely warnings. The speech is well worth reading and we direct attention to it.

The mine strike is ended in the Pittsburgh district and the miners are practically all back at work. It is only a question of time until the mines in all other districts will be in operation and the great miners' strike of 1897 will be over with increased wages for the workmen and prospects for still better conditions in the future.

President Andrews has decided again not to resign. Now what have the silverite organs that eloquently commended him when they thought he would insist on the acceptance of his resignation to say on the subject?

The Popocratic state committee of New York ignored Bryan and free silver in placing a ticket in the field, on the plea that it had no power to act, notwithstanding the committee was assuming the powers of a state convention. The

Bryanites are indignant at the cowardice of the state committee, which represents the state machine. The action may be taken as an indication that the New York machine will not follow the example of the Ohio machine and contract for an installment of Bryan speeches at \$500 each this year.

The rain yesterday afternoon did not last long but it was refreshing while it did last. We are duly grateful to the weather bureau for even this small favor.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Charles F. Lummis contributes a story of unusually thrilling interest to Harper's Round Table of September 21, under the title of "The Silver Omelet." It gives also a vivid suggestion of some of the characteristics of silver-smelting at Guanajuato, in Mexico, one of the oldest and largest silver mines in the world.

Harper's Weekly is now receiving its regular weekly budget of Klondike news from its special correspondent, Tappan Adney. The installment published in the issue of September 18th is dated S. S. Islander, August 19, 1897, the writer being on his way from Victoria to Juneau.

Harper & Brothers announce for publication on September 24: "My Studio Neighbors," by the late William Hamilton Gilson; "White Man's Africa," by Poulton Biglow, and "Three Operettas," the librettos being written by the late H. C. Bunner, with characteristic charm and humor, and the music being furnished by Oscar Weil.

How many people would be willing to devote a part of each day to a consistent course of reading if they only knew how to get about it? The resolve is too often dissipated in a hopeless indecision as to what subject to select; or, if this point is settled, there comes the further perplexity, what books or parts of books to read. In a word, one has often felt the need of a "Professor of Books," who would suggest a course of reading and recommend the books. The problem has been solved by co-operation. Miss Louise Stockton, in Harper's Bazar of September 25, describes the origin and working of "The Round Robin Reading Club," which is an association for mutually supplying the assistance so long needed.

The Hawaiian Islands are described and well illustrated in an article by George H. Johnston in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for October. It gives in an attractive manner the history and customs of the people of this future territory of the United States. In the same magazine is an interesting and valuable historical paper on "The Landmarks and Memories of the Hackensack Valley," by John F. Ritter, in which are recalled, with excellent photographic views, many of the stirring events of the Revolution which occurred in the lower part of New York state, including the trial and execution of Major Andre, "Some Kentucky Women" is a brief paper on the belles of the "Blue Grass," made particularly attractive by numerous portraits of beautiful women.

The "Silver Side," 1900 campaign text book. A symposium constituting a bi-metallic education treatise, with a review of the 1896 campaign, containing writers on bimetalism, with cabinet-sized engraved portraits of prominent workers. By Col. Dorus M. Fox. Price, paper, 75c. Chicago, W. B. Conkey Company.

According to its author, "The Silver Side" is a guide and text book for the consideration and elucidation of the present issues, and perhaps others to become more or less prominent in the coming three years' contest. In the preparation of this work particular attention has been given to the history of the recent presidential campaign, including an able discussion of the monetization of silver, and the free coinage of both silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, and to the maintenance of a double standard.

## WILD STATEMENTS

## About Kansas Prosperity—Good Enough Without Exaggeration.

Topeka, Kansas, Telegram: Albert Griffin, president of the local branch of the Equal Opportunity League of America, takes exceptions to some of the statements recently made by Bank Commissioner Breidenthal in relation to good times in Kansas, and the celerity with which the farmers are paying off their mortgages. He says Mr. Breidenthal's loose talk is calculated to do a great deal of harm to the state by inducing eastern money lenders to send more money into Kansas and causing a repetition of the experience of a few years ago.

"Mr. Breidenthal," he says, "has apparently been carried off his feet by the wonderful streak of luck that has struck the state, or else he is helping to work up another boom. I understand that he was once connected with a bank, and also with a loan company, and it may be that the old fever is getting hold of him, without his realizing what is the matter. It is hard for an old war horse to refrain from neighing when he hears the bugle, and it is just as difficult for a 'trained financier' to keep entirely cool when he hears the whistles of a coming boom."

The special statement of the bank commissioner to which Mr. Griffin objects, is that there will be 40,000 homes cleared of mortgages this fall as the result of the extraordinary crop year, and that these mortgages will average \$1,000 each, making a grand total of \$40,000,000 reduction in indebtedness. This claim, Mr. Griffin pronounces to be ridiculous, or at least that it is an exaggeration by half. "Even \$20,000,000," he maintains, "is a large sum, and Kansas will be fortunate if her entire chattel, as well as real estate mortgage indebtedness, shall be reduced that much. A large part of our real estate mortgages are business properties, lands and houses, and not the homes of their owners. The sum of \$40,000,000 on 40,000 mortgaged homes would probably indicate a real estate and chattel mortgage indebtedness well up toward \$100,000,000—and chattel mortgages are usually more promptly paid than those on real estate."

The bank commissioner's assertion that the bankers, in a few instances, are refusing to accept more money on deposit from the farmers, because they cannot loan it, and do not want to assume the responsibility of its care, is met by Mr. Griffin with the criticism that "the banks usually lend their depositors' money only on short time, and require a character of security that few can give, and charge a rate of interest that there is no demand for money by any manner of means, but that the 1 or 2 per cent of the price of the loan who can do business on banker's terms are not in the borrower's market."

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## PASSING PHASANTRIES.

Goes without saying—the diffident lover—Boston Transcript.

What They Play.—"What is the great gambling game to Klondike?" "Freeze out, I imagine."—Philadelphia North American.

Assuring.—She—"Do you think the bull would have killed me if he had chased me?" He—"Oh, it would have been a toss-up!"—Truth.

Sue Brette—"I think that friend of yours will get on the stage some day." Foote Light—"You must take him for a bad egg."—Yonkers Statesman.

She—"What is horse sense, Uncle Jim?" "I don't know exactly, but a man oughtn't to trust himself on a bicycle unless he has got it."—Chicago Record.

She—"The Greek church employs two rings in the marriage ceremony." He—"Yes; and some churches employ three rings."—Yonkers Statesman.

Bessie—"There's that horrid Miss Newrich talking to Lord Brokeleigh. Hasn't she awful manners?" "Yes; but she's doing her best to be a lady."—Brooklyn Life.

"Why, I'd like to know," said a lady to a judge, "cannot a woman become a successful lawyer?" "Because she's too fond of giving her opinion without pay," answered the judge.—Tit-Bits.

Suspicious.—Governess—"Why don't you eat your consommé, Bertie?" Bertie—"Cause I asked Harry what became of the cook papa discharged, and he said she was in the soup."—Puck.

Cheering.—Tourist (after spending two days in a mountain hotel):—"Be sure to have my bill ready to-morrow at seven." Host—"Without fail, and if I have to sit up all night over it."—File-geude Blatter.

A similarity.—Pat—"Phwat's 'incomminia' Moke?" Mike—"Whoi, ut's a disease that won't let a felly shlope when he wants to!" Pat—"Bogorah! ut must be a good deal like an alarm-clock, thin!"—Puck.

Puzzling.—"That young lawyer came up to call last evening." "What did he talk about?" "All I remember is that he said they had added some new links up in Chicago, and for the life of me I don't know whether he was talking about golf or that sausage man's murder trial."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Farthest Yonder.  
Oh, friend of other years,  
Do you remember  
Those glorious autumn days  
When distant hills seemed flamed  
In all their splendor?  
I whispered, "Speed us, love,  
To beauty yonder."

Your voice was low and sad;  
"Those hills of splendor  
Are far and steep, my own;  
The light will hide ere long,  
And darkness gather  
And we shall yearn for rest  
This side the yonder."

The years have swiftly flown.  
Alone with wonder  
I gaze upon the hills  
A Master's brush has touched  
With newer splendor;  
My eager eyes would search  
Beyond the yonder.

And you in higher realms,  
You do remember  
For through my soul I feel  
Persuasive, sweet, your call,  
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Past earth's most perfect scenes  
To farthest yonder.  
—Harper's Bazar.

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## Tennessee Centennial.

The Ohio River Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Nashville for the Tennessee Centennial and Industrial Exposition at rate of \$12.50 for the round trip from Wheeling, tickets limited to eleven days. Information as to time of trains will be furnished by John Ballis, City Ticket Agent, Twelfth and Market streets, and J. G. Tomlinson, Ticket Agent, Union Station.

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